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SUBJECT: DARFUR PEACEKEEPING: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAYS
MALAYSIA STILL AWAITS FORMAL UN REQUEST

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Classified By: Ambassador Christopher J. LaFleur for reasons 1.4 (b and d).

[1](#)1. (C) In the course of the July 13 meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Najib, the Ambassador asked him if Malaysia planned to send peacekeepers to Darfur. Najib replied that the Government of Malaysia (GOM) was considering this seriously, that they had been in touch with the UN, and that the GOM was awaiting confirmation from New York of UN interest in Malaysian participation. He added that Malaysia was also prepared to send additional peacekeepers to Lebanon if invited to do so.

[1](#)2. (C) Polchief on July 13 called on the Foreign Ministry's Under Secretary for Multilateral Political Affairs, Shahrul Ikram, and Under Secretary for the OIC Ibrahim Abdullah and urged Malaysia to contribute to the peacekeeping effort in Darfur. Shahrul, whose office handles UN matters, noted that Malaysia had attended the UN DPKO's Darfur briefing in New York for prospective participating countries. The UN, however, had not yet made a formal request of Malaysia and UN DPKO was still working out details, including funding. Shahrul said Malaysia was poised to respond positively, possibly at the level of one battalion. In a separate meeting, Ibrahim stated that UN funding for contributing countries represented one issue that remained to be clarified.
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